

store order there. The soldiers left Canon City by special train.

The governor said Sheriff Buster and a force of deputies and mine guards are cornered in the Hecla mines and in danger of extermination.

The fighting at Walsenburg last night and the sending of troops to Boulder has effectually ended the armed truce which was declared last Friday.

Trinidad, Col., April 28.—Telephonic advices from Walsenburg today state that 200 state militiamen reached there early today and mounted a machine gun on the ridge west of that place, sweeping the McNally mine with their fire. T. M. Hudson, clerk of the District Court at Walsenburg, also asserts that militia and mine guards at the Walsen mine have here a machine gun trained on the city of Walsenburg itself and that firing continued into the city streets from midnight.

Reports here of fatalities vary. One is that five strikers and three mine guards have been slain.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—Federal troops will in all probability be en route to the Colorado coal strike zone before nightfall. President Wilson took up with Secretary of War Garrison before the cabinet meeting today the advisability of granting Governor Ammons' request and utilizing the regular army to end the admittedly intolerable conditions.

The House committee on mines and mining has agreed that only the presence of regulars who will compel both sides to disarm will end the campaign of bloodshed which has already claimed some 300 victims, many of them defenseless women and children.

It is understood that orders were sent to the commanding officer at Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo., to hold four troops of cavalry ready to start for Trinidad. He has also

been directed to secure necessary transportation at once.

The dispatch of the troops will be the answer of the administration to the refusal of John D. Rockefeller to make a single concession to end the intolerable industrial warfare.

Some of the mines are expected to shut down indefinitely after the regular troops get there. Just which will do so or the real reason no one here knows.

The orders to be given to the regulars will be one of the subjects under discussion today. They will not work under the Colorado local authorities. It has been directly charged that the real cause for the present trouble is that in nearly every instance, sheriffs of counties and commanding officers of state troops are in the pay of the coal companies and have obeyed the orders of the general managers of the various mines to exterminate the strikers.

In this is so it will be all changed when the regulars get on the job. They will be told that the law is to be obeyed on both sides and that they can and must arrest all law-breakers whether mine operators or strikers. They will also be told to shoot to kill if they have to shoot.

After conferring with the president for half an hour, Secretary Garrison returned to the war department.

"We have not yet reached a definite decision on the question of sending federal troops to Colorado," he said. "I am to see President Wilson on the subject again in a very short time."

President Wilson also conferred with Rep. Foster prior to the cabinet meeting and it was announced that the whole question of sending troops had been referred to the cabinet session today. On their decision will rest the sending of federal forces into Colorado.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 28.—Two large shipments of ammunition from Charleston, W. Va., to the Colorado